

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 - 28 (canceled).

29. (new): A transportation system comprising:

mandatory terminals disposed within a plurality of first transportation vehicles which transport an object to be transported from a business connection to a delivery destination and a plurality of first transportation vehicles which mainly carry a customer from a boarding place to an alighting place, wherein said mandatory terminals include

transmission means for periodically transmitting current location information of said mandatory terminals to an order receiving server,

control means for enabling said transmission means to transmit said current location information only in a period after transporting the object to be transported to the delivery destination and until accepting a mandate for transportation of a new object to be transported in a first transportation vehicle, only in a period after delivering a customer to an alighting place or transporting the object to be transported to the delivery destination until placing a new customer on board or accepting a mandate for transportation of a new object to be transported in said second transportation vehicle, and

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means for receiving the delivery information including a location of a business connection in charge of an object to be transported and a location of a delivery destination from said order receiving server,

a plurality of ordering terminals for placing an order for transportation of said object to be transported, wherein said ordering terminals include

means for transmitting order information including a location of a business connection in charge of said object to be transported and a location of a delivery destination to an order receiving server,

wherein the order receiving server includes

means for receiving said current location information from each of said plurality of said mandatory terminals and specifying current location for each of said first and second transportation vehicles,

means for receiving said order information from said ordering terminal and specifying the location of a business connection in charge of said object to be transported and the location of a delivery destination,

means for specifying said first or second transportation vehicle which is closest to the location of a business connection in charge of said object to be transported as a mandated transportation vehicle, and

means for transmitting said delivery information to a mandatory terminal of the mandated transportation vehicle.

30. (new): The transportation system as set forth in claim 29, wherein
a location of a business connection in charge of an object to be transported of said
customer and/or a location of a delivery destination are in a store with round-the-clock operation.

31. (new): A mandatory terminal in a transportation system, wherein
a mandatory terminal is disposed within a plurality of first transportation vehicles which
transport an object to be transported from a business connection to a delivery destination, said
plurality of first transportation vehicles mainly carry a customer from a boarding place to an
alighting place,

wherein said mandatory terminal includes transmission means for periodically
transmitting the current location information of said mandatory terminal to an order receiving
server,

control means for enabling said transmission means to transmit said current location
information only in a period after transporting the object to be transported to the delivery
destination and until accepting a mandate for transportation of a new object to be transported in
said first transportation vehicle, only in a period after placing a customer at an alighting place or
transporting the object to be transported to the delivery destination and until putting a new
customer on board or accepting a mandate for transportation of a new object to be transported in
said second transportation vehicle, and

means for receiving the delivery information including a location of a business
connection in charge of an object to be transported and a location of a delivery destination from
said order receiving server,

means for transmitting, to said order receiving server, transportation start information to the effect that a transportation vehicle specified by said order receiving server as a mandatory transportation vehicle will transport said object to be transported from the business connection, and

means for transmitting transportation completion information to the effect that the object to be transported is transported to the delivery destination to said order receiving server.

32. (new): A transportation method using a communication line, comprising:

periodically transmitting current location information of mandatory terminals to an order receiving server from mandatory terminals disposed within a plurality of first transportation vehicles which transport an object to be transported from a business connection to a delivery destination, the plurality of first transportation vehicles mainly for carrying a customer from a boarding place to an alighting place,

receiving said current location information at said order receiving server from each of said plurality of said mandatory terminals and specifying current location for each of first and second transportation vehicles,

transmitting delivery information including a location of a business connection in charge of said object to be transported and a location of a delivery destination from an ordering terminal for placing an order for transportation of said object to be transported to said order receiving server,

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receiving said delivery information at said order receiving server from said ordering terminal and specifying the location of a business connection in charge of said object to be transported and the location of a delivery destination,

specifying said first or second transportation vehicle which is closest to the location of a business connection in charge of said object to be transported as a mandated transportation vehicle at said order receiving server,

transmitting said delivery information from said order receiving server to said mandatory terminal of the mandated transportation vehicle,

transmitting, from said mandatory terminal of said mandated transportation vehicle to said order receiving server, transportation start information to the effect that a transportation vehicle specified by said order receiving server as said mandated transportation vehicle will transport said object to be transported from the business connection, and

transmitting transportation completion information to the effect that the object to be transported is transported to the delivery destination from said mandatory terminal of said mandated transportation vehicle to said order receiving server, wherein

said transmission of said current location information is enabled only in a period after transporting the object to be transported to the delivery destination until accepting a mandate for transportation of a new object to be transported in said first transportation vehicle, only in a period after placing a customer at an alighting place or transporting the object to be transported to the delivery destination until putting a new customer on board or accepting a mandate for transportation of a new object to be transported in said second transportation vehicle.

33 (new): The transportation method using a communication line as set forth in claim 32, wherein

said plurality of transportation vehicles are transportation vehicles of a plurality of transportation companies.

34. (new): The transportation method using a communication line as set forth in claim 32, wherein

a location of a business connection in charge of an object to be transported of said customer and/or a location of a delivery destination are in a store with round-the-clock operation.

35. (new): A transportation system comprising:

mandatory terminals disposed within a plurality of transportation vehicles which mainly carry a customer from a boarding place to an alighting place, wherein said mandatory terminals include

transmission means for periodically transmitting the current location information of said mandatory terminals to an order receiving server,

control means for enabling said transmission means to transmit said current location information only in a period after putting the customer down at the alighting place or transporting the object to be transported to the delivery destination until putting a new customer on board or accepting a mandate for transportation of a new object to be transported, and

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means for receiving the delivery information including a location of a business connection in charge of an object to be transported and a location of a delivery destination from said order receiving server,

a plurality of ordering terminals for placing an order for transportation of said object to be transported, wherein said ordering terminals includes

means for transmitting order information including a location of a business connection in charge of said object to be transported and a location of a delivery destination to said order receiving server,

the order receiving server having

means for receiving said current location information from each of said plurality of said mandatory terminals and specifying current location for each of said plurality of said transportation vehicles,

means for receiving said order information from said ordering terminal and specifying the location of a business connection in charge of said object to be transported and the location of a delivery destination,

means for specifying one of said plurality of said transportation vehicles which is closest to the location of a business connection in charge of said object to be transported as a mandated transportation vehicle, and

means for transmitting said delivery information to a mandatory terminal of the mandated transportation vehicle.

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36. (new): The transportation system as set forth in claim 35, wherein
the location of a business connection in charge of an object to be transported of said
customer and/or a location of a delivery destination are in a store with round-the-clock operation.